

REMARKS

§112 Rejection

Claim 29 was rejected for depending from canceled claim 28. With the present amendment, the dependency of claim 29 has been changed so that claim 29 depends from claim 27. As noted in Applicant's previous response, Applicant intended claim 29 to depend from claim 27 after the limitations of claim 28 were added to claim 27. However, Applicant forgot to amend claim 29 to change its dependency. Applicant's respectfully request entry of this amendment to correct this oversight.

§102 Rejection

Claims 1-4, 8, 9, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Rui et al. (U.S. Pat. Pub. 2003/0103647, hereinafter Rui). Claims 5-7 and 10-13 were objected to for being dependent on a rejected base claim but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

With the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 3-5 and claims 3-5 have been canceled. As such, claim 1 represents claim 5 rewritten in independent form. Based on the indication in the Office Action that such a claim would be allowable, amended claim 1 and claims 2 and 6-15, which depend therefrom, are in form for allowance.

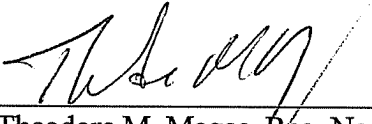
CONCLUSION

With the present amendment, all of the pending claims have either been allowed or have been indicated as being allowable. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 2, 6-17, 20-27, 29, and 32-34 is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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